

An Invitation to Participate in NETL's Women's History Month Essay Contest



We invite your 7th and 8th grade students to share their ideas on “Women Sustaining the American Spirit” by participating in the National Energy Technology Laboratory’s (NETL) essay contest for Women’s History Month. In 1987, Congress approved the Resolution to set aside March each year to create an awareness of the accomplishments made by women. This year’s theme was changed after the attack on our nation on September 11, 2001. This is a challenging time, but also a critical opportunity to recognize and celebrate the rich and dynamic work of women in creating and sustaining America’s democratic society. The goal of this theme is to showcase the diverse and interlocking stories of women who have created and affirmed the American spirit. The new 2002 theme will help deliver the message of who American women are and what they have accomplished.

RULES

- Grades 7 and 8 students ONLY.
- All essays should be approximately 150 words in length and typed or printed.
- Include student’s name, grade, teacher’s name, school name and phone number, and home phone number on the essay.
- Essays will NOT be returned.
- Essays are due by March 1, 2002.

The essay should highlight a woman in the student’s life that has demonstrated the American Spirit. A team of judges will review all essays submitted and choose first, second, and third place winners from each geographic area (Pittsburgh, PA and Morgantown, WV). Criteria for the winning essay will be based on originality, innovative ideas, and the impact the selected woman had on the student’s life. Winners will receive a medal, award certificate, and an

opportunity to read their essay at the Women’s History Month Luncheon on March 27, 2002. The winners will also have an opportunity to have their essays appear in our NETL Plugged In publication and local newspapers. Winners will be notified by March 11, 2002.

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